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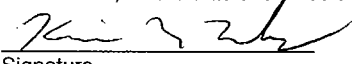
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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 31, 2007

In response to the Office Action dated May 31, 2007, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 31, 2007, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for the reasons discussed below. Although Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/APPM/6716.Y1/KMT, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

**The Pending Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.